

Whitstable.

February 1st.1899.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Whitstable Urban District Council.


Gentleman,

I have to report that the public health of this District during the past year has been on the whole satisfactory: in the early part of the year there was a great prevalence of Influenza, also of Measles and German Measles, but happily not attended with any material increase of mortality: three cases only of infectious diseases were reported viz. one of Continued and two of Enteric Fever, of the latter one occurred to a Sailor belonging to a vessel lying in the Harbour and was removed to the Isolation Hospital, the other case was that of a child living in a cottage on the Middle Wall where the water supply was derived from a well which on analysis was found to be unfit for drinking &c. the owner was served with a notice to provide a pure supply.

The same notice was served on other owners where the water was found to be contaminated.

In the early part of the year a Danish vessel having been reported as having sickness on board was visited immediately it arrived in the Harbour, the case proved to be Influenza and the man became convalescent in a few days.

The Dairies and Cowsheds were visited and a special report made to the Sanitary Committee, which being brought before the Council the Inspector was ordered to serve notices requesting the owners to remedy the defects and bring them up to the requirements of the Act and the Council's Order.



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Various Stables, a Marine Store-dealer's premises where collections of ill-smelling bones were stored also a garden in which a large quantity of poultry and rabbits were kept, were visited and the owners compelled to abate the several nuisances.

The water supplied by the Whitstable Water Company has been examined by an Analyst for the Council as well as by one for the Company and found to be satisfactory: an increasing number of houses are now supplied with this water and a strict outlook is given in the case of illness arising where the water is derived from wells.

The removal of house refuse is expeditious and the Streets are regularly swept and kept clean. A large number of Alleys which used to be wet and dirty have been paved.

The total number of Births registered in the District were 171, of which 92 were males and 79 females.

The total number of Deaths were 93, of which 1 was aged 90; 1, 87; 1, 86; 1, 85; 4, 84; 1, 80; 4, 78; 3, 77; 2, 76; 2, 75; 1, 74; 1, 72; 2, 71; and 1, 70. There was one case of accidental drowning, one man was killed by falling down the hold of a vessel, one case of suicide and two children killed by being run over by vehicles.

The Birth rate was 27.21.

The Death rate was 12.03 per 1000.

and the mortality of infants under one year of age 111.8 per 1000 births registered.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

John W. Hayward.

Medical Officer of Health.
